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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION-MRS CARTER'S VISIT AND OTHERS

1. BOTH THE JAMAICA DAILY NEWS AND THE DAILY GLEANER THIS MORNING FRONT-PAGED, WITH A PICTURE, A BRIEF STORY BASED ON A RELEASE FROM PM'S OFFICE REGARDING MRS. CARTER'S IMPENDING VISIT. STORY SAID SHE WILL VISIT JAMAICA ON MAY 30-31 "ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT, FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT"...FOLLOWING LIST OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED, STORY CLOSED AS FOLLOWS: "SHE IS MAKING THIS VISIT ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT TO EXPRESS HIS FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL. HER DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER MANLEY, AS WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS, WILL BE OF A SUBSTANTIVE NATURE COVERING ISSUES OF BILATERAL, REGIONAL, AND GLOBAL IMPORTANCE". THE GLEANER STORY, ESSENTIALLY THE SAME, WAS BASED ON AP REPORT FROM WASHINGTON WHICH ALSO NOTES THIS WILL BE MRS. CARTER'S FIRST TRIP ABROAD AS FIRST LADY, BOTH RADIO AND TV LAST NIGHT CARRIED IDENTICAL STORIES.

2. PRESIDENT'S EUROPEAN TRIP: THE DAILY NEWS, P. 10, RAN TWO RUETER'S STORIES FROM LONDON ONE UNDER THE HEADLINE "CARTER GIVES NATO ONE YEAR TO GET READY (TO FACE SOVIETS IN 1980'S)" THE OTHER: "CARTER SCORES ON FIRST OVERSEAS TRIP". THE GLEANER RAN SAME STORY P. 9 UNDER HEAD: "JIMMY SCORES A MAJOR TRIUMPH."

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THE DAILY NEWS ALSO RAN ODD STORY, WITHOUT BY-LINE, DATE-LINED PARIS BUT NO OTHER ATTRIBUTION UNDER HEADLINE: "MIXED REACTION TO LONDON SUMMIT." EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

QUOTE: "THE RESULTS OF THE LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT ARE BEING GIVEN A MIXED RECEPTION BY DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELEGATES AT THE PARIS NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS"....

"ONE DELEGATION CHIEF COMPLAINED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE NO REAL

SENSE OF URGENCY IN THE LONDON SUMMIT CLOSING DECLARATION. 'IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL BY LOOKING AT THESE WORDS WHAT WILL COME OUT OF OUR MEETING HERE'.. HE SAID.....

"BUT NOT ALL THE COMMENT WAS CRITICAL. ' THERE HAS BEEN SOME MOVEMENT AT THE LONDON SUMMIT AND AFTER SOME TOUGH NEGOTIATIONS WE MIGHT COME UP WITH SOMETHING WORTHWHILE HERE', SAID A SENIOR DELEGATE FROM ONE OF THE OPEC OIL PRODUCING NATIONS, WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE GROUP OF 19". UNQUOTE.

3. YOUNG VISIT TO AFRICA: BOTH PAPERS RAN SAME RUETER'S REPORT OUT OF ABIDJAN AND QUOTED YOUNG REMARKS AT PRESS CONFERENCE THERE.

4. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ANY THESE SUBJECTS.
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